

Missing Inuit Children of Residential Schools

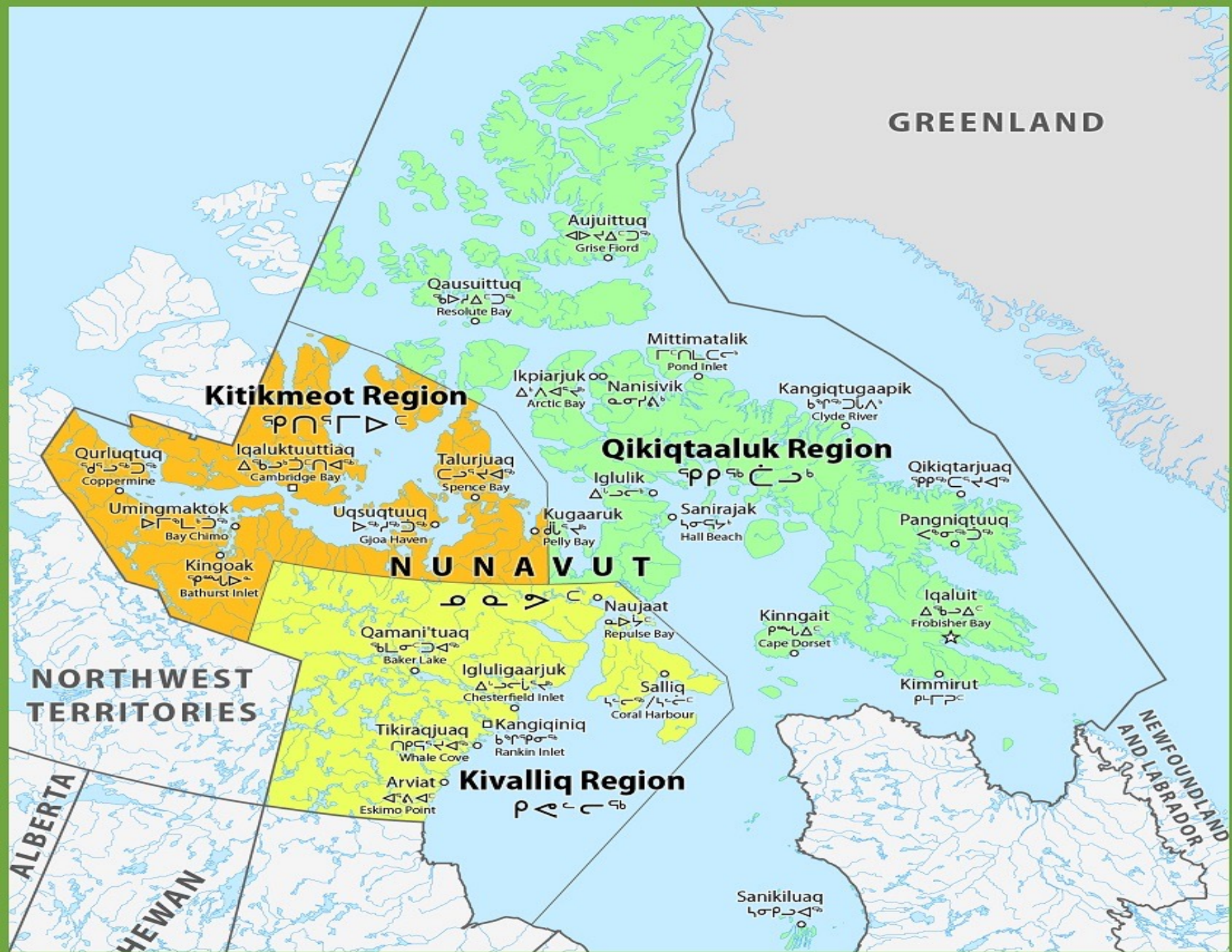


- David Aglukark - Program Manager - Missing Inuit Children of Residential Schools, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.
- I am from Arviat, Nunavut and grew up in that community on the west coast of Hudson Bay and raised by traditional parents.
- I am recently retired police officer with the RCMP of 25 years.
- Majority of my policing experience has been in Inuit communities across the Nunavut territory as well as reserve policing.
- I was part of the Nunavut's child sex assault interviewing and the hostage negotiator team for 20 + years.



- The community of Igluligaarjuk (Chesterfield Inlet) is located in the Nunavut Territory in Northern Canada on the west coast of Hudson Bay. (population 453)
- The first Catholic Mission was established at Igluligaarjuk in September of 1912 by authorization and encouragement of Bishop Ovide Charlebois, Bishop of Keewatin (Kivalliq).
- Father Arsene Turquetil founded the first Catholic mission and named it “Mission Notre Dame de la Delivrante”, after a sanctuary devoted to Our Lady in Normandy, close to Reviere, France, his birthplace.
- In 1954 the Roman Catholic missionaries opened the St. Mary’s residence. This residence was renovated and renamed the Turquetil Hall in 1961.
- This school ran from 1954 – 1969.





Igluligaarjuk/Chesterfield Inlet



Federal Hostels / Roman Catholic run Schools

- Federal Hostel at Eskimo Point 1962 - 1967
- Roman Catholic Run School at Igluligaarjuk 1954 – 1969
- Federal Hostel at Baker Lake 1961 – 1968
- Federal Hostel at Cambridge Bay 1964 – 1997
- Federal Hostel at Igloolik 1961 – 1969
- Federal Hostel at Cape Dorset (now Kinngait) 1962 – 1965
- Federal Hostel at Lake Harbour (now Kimmirut) 1963 – 1965
- Federal Hostel at Frobisher Bay (now Iqaluit) 1971 – 1995



Federal Hostel / Roman Catholic run Schools

- Federal Hostel at Pangnirtung 1964 – 1967
- Federal Hostel at Broughton Island (now Qikiqtarjuaq) 1961 -1966
- Federal Hostel at Pond Inlet 1962 – 1970
- Approximately 100 students attended the residential school at Igluligaarjuk.
- Students came from communities all over the Nunavut territory



Catholic Hospital



Missing Inuit Children of Residential Schools

- The creation of this work is new to N.T.I. and to Nunavut.
- Our initial work will be evidence based by interviewing survivors within the communities across Nunavut.
- Initial conversations and historical oral accounts from survivors and elders have indicated that priests have fathered children during their time in the arctic.
- Roughly 100 students attended residential school at Igluligaarjuk.



Interview / Information gathering

- I attended the community of Igluligaardjuk and Baker Lake in July providing information sessions on the pope's visit and provided a introduction on my role as the program manager.
- Priority communities in all three regions of Nunavut, Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and Qikiqtaaluk will be visited.
- Information gathering through interviews from the survivors will be obtained.
- We're hoping that this information gathering will provide information on missing children and their locations.



Interview / Information gathering

- The Diocese of Churchill is the HQ for the R.C. churches in the Kivalliq region and house information and archives on records for that region.
- The diocese have indicated that they are willing to cooperate and have advised that their records are available for us to research.
- Plans are being made to attend Churchill, Manitoba to research their archives in hopes of obtaining information on missing children.



Information/Knowledge Sharing

- With NTI getting this off the ground in our territory we are hoping from our counterparts to share information and best practices.
- We will be reaching out and approaching you and if required, the best practices on ground penetrating radar searches, drone searches etc...
- Our goal is to locate children and to appropriately commemorate, have gatherings and healing.
- It will be up to the Inuit people and the communities on what kind of healing journey they would like to take.



Discovery of grave sites/knowledge sharing

- With the ongoing discoveries of grave sites on your lands I am hoping you keep our Inuit children in mind.
- Many Inuit children may have been sent out of our territory without knowledge.
- Our children may be buried within these grave sites and we are hoping that we can share information, documents to identify Inuit.



Matna/Qujanamiik/Thank you

- If you have any questions I can try and answer them.

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